

REMARKS

Initially, applicants would like to express their appreciation to Examiner Nguyen for the courtesies extended to applicants' attorney during a telephone interview on March 29, 2005. No agreement was reached on whether applicants' original claim 1 overcame the cited references.

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-2, 5, 12-17, 24-26, 31, 34-35, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,055,314 issued to Spies et al. on April 25, 2000.

Claims 3-4, 32-33, and 36-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spies et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,510,518 issued to Jaffe et al. on January 21, 2003.

Claims 6, 18, 27, and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spies et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Number 2004/0205344 issued to Otway and published on October 14, 2004.

Claims 7, 19, 28, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spies et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,493,824 issued to Novoa et al. on December 10, 2002.

Claims 8-11, 20-23, 29-30, and 41-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spies et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,385,723 issued to Richards on May 7, 2002.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-2, 5, 12-17, 24-26, 31, 34-35, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,055,314 issued to Spies et al. on April 25, 2000.

This ground of rejection is avoided for the following reasons.

Independent claim 1, as amended, now requires that the key re-transforming information has a transformation pattern that is randomly generated by the decryption store. The Office Action admits that Spies does **not** teach such a limitation, and therefore claim 1 is **not** anticipated by Spies.

Independent claims 16, 25, and 34 have been similarly amended to require that the key re-transforming information has a transformation pattern randomly generated by the decryption store. Therefore, claims 16, 25, and 34 are likewise allowable.

Since each of the dependent claims rejected under U.S.C. § 102(e) depends from an allowable independent claim, and include all of the limitations thereof, such dependent claims are also allowable over Spies for at least the same reasons set forth above for the independent claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 3-4, 6-11, 18-23, 27-30, 32-33, 36-37, and 39-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spies et al. in view of various references. Each of these rejections is based on the rejection under U.S.C. § 102(e) being proper. As that ground of rejection has been overcome, and none of the cited references teach or suggest that the key re-transforming information has a transformation pattern randomly generated by the decryption store, as recited in applicants' independent claims 1, 16, 25, and 34, they do **not** supply this element which is lacking from Spies. Thus, none of the combinations make obvious any of applicants' claims, all of which require the aforesaid limitation.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner still believes that there are unresolved issues, he is invited to call applicants' attorney so that arrangements may be made to discuss and resolve any such issues.

In the event that an extension of time is required for this amendment to be considered timely, and a petition therefor does not otherwise accompany this amendment, any necessary extension of time is hereby petitioned for, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate cost of such petition to the **Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No. 12-2325.**

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